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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-52. (Cancelled)

- 53. (Currently Amended) A method for molding a non-circular lens adapted to a wearer's prescription and to the shape of a frame chosen by the wearer, comprising the steps of:
- supplying a non-circular first mold substantially in the shape of the frame chosen by the wearer;
- supplying a second <u>circular</u> mold;
- molding and curing a setting material between the first mold and a second mold, a maximum size of the first mold between two points of its perimeter being less than a diameter of the second mold;
- removing the cured material from the first and second molds to define the lens, and
- securing the lens to the frame, wherein the periphery of the cured material is not trimmed by more than a few millimeters prior to securing the lens to the frame.
- 54. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 53, wherein the step of supplying a first mold comprises a step of trimming said mold.
- 55. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 53, wherein the curing step is a step of partial curing, and wherein the method further comprises a step of total curing of the lens.
- 56. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 53, wherein the step of molding and curing comprises a step of assembling the molds followed by a curing step.

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57. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 55, wherein the partial curing step lasts less than 3 minutes.

- 58. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 55, wherein the total curing step lasts between 5 and 30 minutes.
- 59. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 55, wherein the step of assembling comprises using mold-positioning devices and wherein the method further comprises a step of removing the mold-positioning devices after the partial curing step and before the total curing step.
- 60. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 56, wherein the partial curing step comprises an irradiation of the setting material from only one side of the assembly of the first and second molds.
- 61. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 56, wherein the total curing step comprises an irradiation of the setting material from both sides of the assembly of the first and second molds.
- 62. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 55, wherein the total curing step comprises heating of the setting material.
- 63. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 53 wherein the removing step comprises applying a thermal shock to the assembly of the first and second molds.
- 64. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 53, wherein the step of supplying a second mold comprises supplying a second mold in the shape of the lens to be obtained.
- 65. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 64, wherein the step of supplying a second mold comprises a step of trimming said second mold.

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66. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 53, wherein the lens is an ophthalmic lens.

- 67. (Previously Presented) A method for molding a non-circular lens adapted to a wearer's prescription and to the shape of a frame chosen by the wearer, comprising the steps of:
- supplying a non-circular first mold substantially in the shape of the frame chosen by the wearer;
- supplying a second mold;
- molding and curing a setting material between the first mold and a second mold, the second mold being positioned 1 mm or less away from a periphery of the first mold;
- removing the cured material obtained from the first and second molds to define the lens; and -securing the lens to the frame, wherein the periphery of the cured material is not trimmed by more than a few millimetres prior to securing the lens to the frame.
- 68. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 67, wherein the second mold is positioned to contact the periphery of the first mold.
- 69. (Currently Amended) A method for molding a non-circular lens adapted to a wearer's prescription and to the shape of a frame chosen by the wearer, comprising the steps of:
- supplying a non-circular first mold substantially in the shape of the lens to be obtained;
- supplying a second <u>circular</u> mold;
- molding and curing a setting material between the first mold and a second mold, <u>a maximum</u> size of the first mold between two points of its perimeter being less than a diameter of the second mold and the first mold being positioned over the second mold;
- removing the cured material lens from the first and second molds to define the lens; and -securing the lens to the frame, wherein the periphery of the cured material is not trimmed by more than a few millimetres prior to securing the lens to the frame.
- 70. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 69, wherein the step of molding comprises providing the second mold in a horizontal position.

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71. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 70, wherein the step of molding comprises:

- positioning the second mold and
- positioning the first mold.
- 72. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 71, wherein the step of molding comprises, after positioning the second mold, introducing the setting material in the second mold.
- 73. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 71, wherein the step of molding comprises, after positioning the first mold, injecting the setting material between the molds.
- 74. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 71, wherein the step of molding comprises, after positioning the second mold, positioning a ring seal.
- 75. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 69, further comprising the step of providing a ring seal around the first mold.
- 76. (New) The process as claimed in claim 53, wherein the second mold is positioned 1 mm or less away from a periphery of the first mold when molding and curing the setting material.
- 77. (New) The process as claimed in claim 69, wherein the second mold is positioned 1 mm or less away from a periphery of the first mold when molding and curing the setting material.